

## *Covenant Point Bible Camp Iron Mountain Michigan Fall 2014 Women's Retreat*



### So what really does happen at a women's retreat?



Enjoy some of the highlights that took place at the women's retreat in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan - September 26<sup>th</sup> thru September 28<sup>th</sup>. The speaker was Darlene Lund of Hearts with a Purpose.

The Tabernacle was a rugged, simple, clean, inviting, and a warm building where worship and fellowship took place. A trio of female musicians kicked off with great worship music.

The retreat theme was **Your Life Matters**. – James 4:4-10. The Message paraphrase states, "You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way. And do you suppose God doesn't care? The proverb has it that "he's a fiercely jealous lover." And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble."

So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet.

### The women were asked these questions,

- Do you own a Bible?
- Do you read the Bible?
- Then, what do you do with the Words that are the page or on your screen of your phone or tablets?
- Do you own the Truth? "Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose . . ." James 4:5.
- Is your life making a difference?
- Do you even like yourself?
- Do you open the Bible?
- Do you believe the Bible?
- Do you receive the Word right on into your heart?
- Do you believe your life matters?
- Are you whole from the inside out?
- Do you love yourself?

If we want to change in life, we must start with the facts. We must examine our life according to Truth. God's Word is to be our ruler of how we are doing in this life.

Scripture is very clear; if you want to be a wise woman you do not compare. If you do compare your life to others, well then, you are not wise. The Bible is our standard of comparison, not our Mom's life, or Grandma's life, or even our sisters, or our girlfriends. Yes, we can learn from them, but we were not made to live someone else's life. **Your life does matter.**

The women were lead to examine four domains of their life, **spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional.** During the retreat, the women rated and chose which domains they needed help in, in order to grow. The women had report card booklets with the passage of James at their fingertips to examine and assess their own walk.

On Saturday, the weather was perfect to be out and about, the women kayaked, went walking enjoying the beautiful lake. Some women went antiquing, and many women conquered a climbing wall.

One young lady met with Darlene Lund at the cross on Saturday. With tears streaming down her face she chose to surrender her life to the Lord as her personal Savior. She has such a hunger to learn the Bible and to put the Truth of scripture into her life, we thank God for her. What a blessing to have lead this young woman into the Kingdom of God.

Many of the ladies took steps by writing out areas in their life where they were stuck and then placed their paper hearts in the bonfire on Saturday night as an act of surrender. The women at the retreat were top notch desiring change and growth.

The women left the retreat knowing that God created them. Loves them. Yet they must be the one to turn to Him and believe what they read in the Word. Submission is putting ourselves under God and to live according to the Word. One must reframe their mind to truth, and not allow their emotions to dictate their life. And we must take action to get our physical bodies aligned to healthy balance as well.

All were blessed by the smiles, new/old friendships, words, and most of all by their hunger to grow in wholeness from the inside out. They left knowing their life does matter.



**From a woman's soul, through a woman's eyes, by a woman's hands.**

Thank you, Lord, for friends who do life with you and love you through it all!

Do you know women are craving and desiring up-close real kind of friendships? Make sure you read that carefully, **real kind of friendships.** Women are tired of play acting and want women that will be real and take off the masks. If you haven't asked God for a friend, try asking Him. Then watch to see how He may answer.

